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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, FEB. 18

GENEVA FOR GOUGH PASS VANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT FEBRUARY 18 JACK ANDERSON
COLUMN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ACCUSED
OF USING WATERGATE TACTICS TO KILL A SENATE INVESTIGATION
OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

3. IN A BLISTERING LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD
LEVI, SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN HENRY JACKSON (D-WASH) HAS CHARGED THAT HIS
PROBE IS BEING OBSTRUCTED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
USING "PRACTICES WHICH I HAD HOPED HAD BEEN ERADICATED
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ONCE AND FOR ALL FROM THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE."

4. THE OFFICIALS NOT ONLY TRIED "TO BAR SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL FROM REVIEWING PERTINENT FILES," THE SENATOR CHARGED, BUT ALSO "ARE COMPILING A DOSSIER ON ONE OF THE INVESTIGATORS WORKING ON THE CASE."

5. JACKSON CALLED THIS "AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT

(THE INVESTIGATOR)AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND DEFLATE THIS INVESTIGATION."

6. LAST MONTH, WE REPORTED THAT THE DEA'S TOP COMMAND HAS BECOME VIRTUALLY PARALYZED BY DISSENSION. THE TOP NARCOTICS OFFICIALS HAD BEEN SO BUSY INVESTIGATING ONE ANOTHER, WE WROTE, THAT THEY HAD LITTLE TIME TO COPE WITH DOPE SMUGGLERS.

7. NARCOTICS CHIEF JOHN BARTELS HAD COMPLAINED PRIVATELY, WE WROTE, THAT HIS UNDERLINGS HAVE USED INVESTIGATIONS TO BLACKMAIL ONE ANOTHER. WE DESCRIBED HOW BARTELS IS STRUGGLING TO UNITE FOUR FEUDING NARCOTICS AGENCIES UNDER ONE ROOF.

8. JACKSON IMMEDIATELY ORDERED HIS INVESTIGATORS TO CHECK INTO OUR CHARGES. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TRIED TO HEAD THEM OFF, HOWEVER, BY GOING BEHIND THEIR BACKS TO SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES EASTLAND (D-MISS.) AND SEN. ROMAN HRUSKA (R-NEB.), THE RANKING REPUBLICAN.

9. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL LARRY SILBERMAN AND JUSTICE OFFICIAL JAMES HUTCHINSON SECRETLY URGED THE TWO SENATORS TO HOLD A SEPARATE, WHITEWASH PROBE OF DEA.

10. HUTCHINSON ALSO CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE HAD RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE LAWYER KEITH ADKINSON AND INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM GALLINARO. BUT HUTCHINSON DENIED JACKSON'S CHARGE THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON GALLINARO.

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11. OUR SOURCES, SUPPORTING JACKSON, SAY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THEIR FILES FOR INFORMATION THAT COULD BE USED TO EMBARRASS GALLINARO.

12. BUT THESE TACTICS, APPARENTLY, HAVE BACKFIRED. DECLARED JACKSON: "THE DESPERATE NATURE OF (YOUR) ACTIONS ONLY INTENSIFIES MY DESIRE TO MAKE A SWEEPING EXAMINATION OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE,

THEREFORE, DIRECTED STAFF TO COMMIT ALL NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO THIS INVESTIGATION."

13. OPIUM SUBSIDY--THE UNITED STATES MAY HAVE TO LAUNDER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUBSIDIZE TURKISH OPIUM FARMERS.

14. THE TURKS ARE DEMANDING FINANCIAL AID TO REFINO OPIUM BY THE EXPENSIVE STRAW PROCESS, WHICH WOULD HELP TO CONTROL ILLICIT HEROIN TRAFFICKING.

15. THEY EXPECT THE UNITED NATIONS TO PUT UP THE MONEY, THEREBY HELPING TO BAIL OUT THEIR POPPY FARMERS. AND THE UNITED NATIONS, OF COURSE, EXPECTS THE UNITED STATES TO FOOT THE BILL.

16. UNDER A 1972 AGREEMENT, THE UNITED STATES PAID TURKEY \$35.7 MILLION TO BAN OPIUM PRODUCTION. BUT LAST JUNE, THE TURKS ANNOUNCED THAT, BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, THEY WOULD RESUME OPIUM CULTIVATION.

17. NOW IT LOOKS AS IF THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE THE SUBSIDY, LAUNDERING IT THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS, IN ORDER TO GET TURKEY TO USE THE SAFER STRAW REFINING PROCESS.

18. A UNITED NATIONS MISSION, HEADED BY SIR HARRY GREENFIELD, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, JUST VISITED TURKEY TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL THE NEW OPIUM PRODUCTION.

19. THE PROGRESS OF THESE BACKSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN REPORTED TO WASHINGTON BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM UNCLASSIFIED

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MACOMBER IN A CONFIDENTIAL CABLE.

20. "TURKS APPARENTLY EXPECTED CURRENT GREENFIELD MISSION TO COME WITH THE AUTHORITY TO AGREE ON COMPENSATION FIGURE," THE CABLE DECLARES BLUNTLY, "AND WHEN THEY LEARNED SIR HARRY DID NOT HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY, THE TURKS DECLINED TO DISCUSS BASIS ON WHICH THEIR COMPENSATION PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CALCULATED UNTIL UN AGREED TO PROVIDE MONEY."

21. WITH THE TURKS, IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S MONEY THAT TALKS. IF THE MONEY IS NOT PAID, A NEW TIDE OF HEROIN CAN BE EXPECTED TO FLOOD THE BACKSTREETS OF AMERICA. END TEXT. MAW

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